SFIREG’S WORKING COMMITTEES

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES
Working Committee Description

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How the Working Committees fit into SFIREG
What does SFIREG do?

SFIREG and its working committees provide a platform for the states and EPA to resolve challenges to successful implementation of pesticide programs and policies in the USA and territories.
What are POM and EQI?

- POM (Pesticide Operations and Management)
- EQI (Environmental Quality Issues)
Committee Issues

POM Members

- Subject matter experts in registration, certification, and enforcement.

EQI Members

- Subject matter experts in pesticide transport & fate, toxicology, and risk assessment.
Who sits on the Committees?

- Committee Members are selected based on their technical expertise.
- States who are actively dealing with major national issues are more likely to have representation on the committees.
How the Committees Function

- Responsibilities of the Committee Members
- Example Work Process
- Working with Full SFIREG
Working Committee Members should be:

- Constructive dialogue
- Creative thinking
- Solution focused
- Committed to the process
- Knowledgable
- Professionally engaged
- Able to recognize barriers to successful program implementation
- Willing to explore possible solutions
- Supported by their agency
Responsibilities

- Bring up issues to the Committee
- Be willing to take the lead on issues
- Work with your Chairperson to develop the agenda topics
- If necessary, develop an issue paper for Full SFIREG
Responsibilities

- Understand the context of the state pesticide programs.
- Learn about PRIMACY

- Show up prepared
  - Read the previous meeting minutes
  - Read the previous Full SFILEG minutes
- Listen and ask questions
- Ask twice if you need to—sometimes there is a lot going on!
**Issue Papers**—if you don’t write it down, it didn’t happen

**What is an Issue Paper?**
- Problem Formulation
- Includes the process undertaken by SFIREG to resolve the issue and why the agency’s involvement is required
- Likely includes suggested resolution

**Why do you write one?**
- Requires a formal response by the agency
- Provides documentation of the issue, and is useful when the issue comes up again (that happens!)
Process—September to April

September Meeting occurs

- October-December
  - Send me your travel reimbursement form.
  - Read the September meeting minutes. Tell the Exec Sec if you see something that needs corrected.
  - See if you had any action items. Work on your action items.
Process-September to April

November-February

- Explore any emerging issues or updates regarding ongoing issues
- Draft issue paper if necessary
- Discuss issues in-house and with other interested states
- Read the December Full SFIREG minutes.
March

- Go to the AAPCO conference if you can. If you can’t, review the agenda and presentations.

- Offer agenda items to your Chairperson
  - You usually will have a committee call to develop the agenda in March-report on action items and new topics at that time.
April

- Write up state specific topics to share with your committee
- Review previous minutes if you need a refresher
- Go to meeting and SLAY!
  - Or at least be a good listener and contribute : )
During the WC meeting, you may find that an issue is about to be resolved, is already resolved, or is actually a non-issue. Great!

You will be expected to delve deeply into issues, exploring regulatory and technical aspects in detail.
Working with Full SFIREG

- Your Chairpersons will review the WC issues with Full SFIREG.
- Full SFIREG and the WC Chairs may determine that the issue is appropriate for Full SFIREG to take on.
- You may be asked to develop more information or draft an issue paper for Full SFIREG.
Working with Full SFIREG

**Working Committees**
- Develops technical aspects of issues
- Provides recommendations to Full SFIREG

**Full SFIREG**
- Considers policy and process implications with a national scope.
- Iteratively resolves issues directly with EPA.
EPA and SFIREG are usually able to resolve issues satisfactorily.

In rare instances, if Full SFIREG and EPA are unable to find resolution and the issue is considered nationally significant, AAPCO may become involved. AAPCO is able to work on issues in ways that SFIREG is not.
Finally...

Please become familiar with our website, aapco.org, and follow me @aapcoexecsec

*Always feel comfortable asking questions!*  

MOST IMPORTANTLY-  

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVOLVEMENT!!!!!